

Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club

Equestrian Australia FEI Championship Event

August 17th-19th 2017.

Rider Information

Event Safety

The organisers have taken due care to ensure that events at Stirling's Crossing are safely conducted. We request that you comply with the following safety requirements:

- The relevant State Health and Safety Act statutes. The statutes have an obligation of care for all persons involved in the event.
- Our request is that you conduct your affairs with all due care and regard for other participants and visitors.
- You are asked to report any hazards or incidents to a member of the organising Committee.
- You are required to register on the appropriate forms to ensure insurance coverage prior to competing in the event.
- Health of horses to attend and participate in all rides is supported by the pre-ride health checks as recorded on Health Declarations. Other measures will be implemented by ride officials to ensure best practice in managing horse welfare.
- Those responsible for horses must advise the Head Vet if there are any concerns about horse health as soon as any concerns are observed.
- Manned checkpoints will be strategically located around the course. Checkpoints are in two-way radio contact with headquarters at the ride base. You are required to ensure checkpoint personnel acknowledge your number when you pass through the checkpoint. Please note that in an emergency situation, checkpoint personnel will assume control of the ride course.
- If a competitor requires assistance when on course, following riders should advise the next radio check point of the location, the reason assistance is required and the rider number of that competitor.

Conditions of entry

Entrance to this event requires all horses, competing and companion, to be vaccinated against the Hendra Virus. All vehicles must wait at the entrance gate for an official to sight their Horse Health Declarations and Current Hendra Vaccination Certificate.

Course information

The course is in forestry areas and includes wide open roads as well as fire trails. Many stretches are excellent going where horses can move along, but other sections require

cautious riding, looking for hazards such as erosion washouts and vegetation close to the trail. For these, slower speeds and care is necessary.

Short sections of the course are used in both directions and it is important that riders keep to the left when encountering oncoming competitors. Rules of the road apply on forest roads and these require riders to keep to the left-hand side of roads.

Checkpoints

Wear your ride number so that it is visible at all times to the checkpoint operators on track, a reflective safety strip is attached to increase visibility on roadways. Call your ride number loudly and clearly to checkpoint operator, wait for a response from them before proceeding on track.

Course Marking

Riders are responsible for ensuring that they know the “colour” of the leg they are riding. Arrows are also numbered to assist those whose vision does not allow them to distinguish individual colours.

160 km FEI 3* Endurance Ride, commencing 3 am on Saturday 19th August. Open and Youth Events.

Leg 1: 40 km, three ridges to climb, then undulating and level going; four radio check-points.

Leg 2: 32 km, similar to Leg 1, but less climbing, easier going and shorter; four radio check-points.

Leg 3: 22 km, mostly undulating, but with some level fast going too; two radio check-points.

Leg 4: 30 km, mostly level going, an easier leg; three radio check-points.

Leg 5: 18 km , again, mostly level going; two radio checkpoints.

Leg 6: 18 km very similar to leg 5; two radio checkpoints.

120 km FEI 2* Endurance Ride, commencing at 3.30 am on Saturday 19th August 2017. Open and Youth Events.

Leg 1: 40 km, three ridges to climb, then undulating and level going; four radio check-points.

Leg 2: 32 km, similar to Leg 1, but less climbing, easier going and shorter; four radio check-points.

Leg 3: 30 km, mostly level going, an easier leg; three radio check-points.

Leg 4: 18 km again, mostly easy going, two radio check-points.

80 km FEI 1* Endurance Ride, commencing at 5.00 am on Friday 18th August 2017.

Open and Youth Event.

Leg 1: 40 km, three ridges to climb, then undulating and level going; four radio check-points.

Leg 2: 22 km, mostly undulating but with some level fast going; two radio check-points.

Leg 3: 18 km again, mostly easy going, two radio check-points.

FEI Vet-gate-into-hold rules apply to this event. Details will be given at the pre-ride talk.

Cattle Grids

The course includes cattle grid by-passes. These will be well marked and a flashing light will indicate these in the dark. One is on a down-hill stretch of the course and riders should slow down to safely negotiate the narrow gates beside the grids.

Road Crossing

Leg 3 for the 160 and leg 2 for the 120 and 80 crosses Yabba Creek Road on both out-going and return sections of the leg. A supervising person, signs and safety cones will be in place to warn drivers of vehicles to slow down, but it is the rider's responsibility to avoid crossing the road when a vehicle is approaching.

A New Arrival/Departure Protocol

The start of the rides will be on Derrier Road, as it has they been in the past. Rider numbers will be recorded by the Chief Steward as each competitor exits the ride base area on to Derrier Road prior to departure.

Arrivals from each leg will be by the signed laneways to the Arrival Gate, as for past events. Please note that departures on second and subsequent legs will be from the same location as arrivals. Arrows will clearly indicate the route to be used to depart from the ride base.

Vetting will be FEI Vet-gate-into-hold rules: the Chief Steward will announce the details of the vetting at the pre-ride talk.

Gallop Finish

The decision about a gallop finish will be advised at the pre-ride talk.

General rules for the venue and facilities

Your welcome to Stirling's Crossing Endurance is based on an expectation of your respect for the venue and the facilities. All riders are responsible for their own conduct and that of others in their team / camp.

Campfires must be in an enclosed container – no open fires permitted

Electric Leads and Appliances

Please be aware of how your leads are placed so as not to create a risk to pedestrian or horse traffic.

Dogs are welcome at Stirling's Crossing but as required by the AERA Rulebook, must be on a leash at all times. Dogs should not be taken to the vet area while vetting is occurring.

Smoking

No smoking in any enclosed building or in any designated work area. Smoking is also not permitted on track. Smokers are responsible for extinguishing cigarettes and disposing of litter appropriately.

Litter / Rubbish must be removed from all campsites.

Containment of Horses

Horse yards are preferred to be of metal construction, substantially fixed to a solid object such as a horse float, truck or permanent fence. Each horse must be contained in a separate yard.

Electric yards must meet minimum requirements; two strands of tape are to be used, preferably white, and not string type, with the top tape to be 1.2 to 1.4 metres above the ground. The posts used must be of substantial material (e.g. steel pickets) and installed so that the tape does not sag. The fence is to be energized at all times.

Vetting Area

Whilst at or close to the vetting area, for any reason, please keep all noise to a minimum.

Children

This is a family oriented sport and families are very welcome. However, parents and guardians will be held responsible for their children's safety and their behaviour at all times. Bicycles, footballs and toys are to be kept well away from horses.

Volunteers and Officials

Many people make it possible for endurance rides to take place. Most of them are volunteering their time and skills. Your respect and appreciation of these people's efforts is important for the future of endurance. Inappropriate behaviour will result in disciplinary action being taken.

Contact details

Ride Director	Matthew Sample	0418 151 839
Chief Steward	Tom McCormack	0409 948 639
Ride Secretary	Kim Moir	0476 166 903
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RF Communications	Nev Badman	0429 918 501
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Conclusion

The aim of our club is to conduct quality endurance events from an exceptional ride base. We want people to depart after our events having enjoyed their endurance experience and looking forward to returning. The Queensland State Championship Endurance ride will be at Stirling's Crossing in 2018 and in 2019 The Tom Quilty Gold Cup will be here.

Enjoy your visit and have fun with your horses.

Stirling's Crossing Endurance Club Inc.